

REMARKS

In section 9, the Examiner allows claims 9-14 and indicates that claims 7-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The limitations of claim 7 have been incorporated into claim 1. Thus, the Applicants believe that claim 1 is now in allowable form. Claims 2-6 and 8 are also patentable, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1. Claim 7 has been canceled to avoid duplicity. Claim 8 is amended to be dependent from claim 1 instead of claim 7. Claims 15-26 have been canceled.

Disagreement matter of record

In section 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1 and 5 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hu et al. (US Patent No. 6,444,544). Moreover, in section 7, claims 15-26 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsuura (US Patent No. 6,562,674). In section 8, claims 2-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hu et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Applicants believe that the combination of Hu et al. and Tsuura does not teach all limitations of the claimed invention, such as the following limitations:

Claim 1: "a third conductive layer formed on the part of the dielectric layer placed above the first conductive layer and corresponding to the first conductive layer, wherein the third conductive layer is insulated from the first and second conductive layers, and the second conductive layer and the

third conductive layer are arranged in a straight line”.

Claim 15: “a second conductive layer comprising a position of laser spot formed on the dielectric layer, wherein a portion of the second conductive layer not having the position of laser spot corresponds to the first conductive layer”.

Claim 22: “a second conductive layer comprising a position of laser spot formed on part of the dielectric layer, wherein a portion of the second conductive layer not having the position of laser spot corresponds to the first conductive layer; and

“wherein each fuse structure has one position of laser spot on the second conductive layer, and the fuse structures are insulated from one another”.

However, being desirous to conserve time and funds, the Applicants agree to adopt the Examiner’s recommendations. The Applicants understand that claims 7-8 will be allowed if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any unclaimed subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Applicants have attempted to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action as the Applicants understand them. The Applicants believe that the Application is now in condition for allowance. If any point requires further explanation, the Examiner is invited to telephone Troy Cai at (323) 934-2300 or e-mail Troy Cai at tcai@ladasparry.com.

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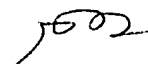
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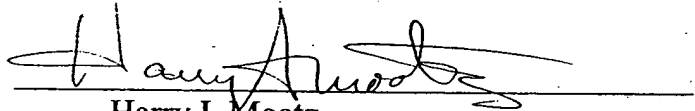
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